

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, International Children's Day originated in Turkey on April 23, 1920 as "Sovereignty and Children's Day," a national holiday by the founder of Turkey, Atatürk; and

WHEREAS, the local Turkish American Cultural Association of Washington (TACAWA) organized the International Children's Day to promote cultural exchange and friendship among youth here in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, the International Children's Festival will include more than 200 children performers participating in singing, dancing, and musical performances; and

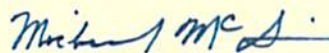
WHEREAS, the festival's program is entirely run by children with performance groups representing the countries of Russia, Japan, Alaska Turks, USA, Germany, Scotland, Italy, Turkey, Ukraine, India, Ireland, Korea, Philippines, Mexico, Ethiopia; and

WHEREAS, the third annual International Children's Friendship Festival will be held this year on April 22, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Museum of History and Industry, MOHAI in Seattle, Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike McGinn, Mayor of the City Seattle, do hereby proclaim April 23 to be

## **International Children's Day**

in Seattle and across the world.



Mike McGinn  
Mayor of Seattle

